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Gov. Roy Asberry Cooper III,

Dear Governor,

Solar energy is booming in America. Today, we have enough solar installed to power one in 14 American homes, and we generate 43 times more solar energy today than we did 10 years ago.

But despite the fact that nearly 90 percent of Americans, including myself, support even more solar development, some large utilities and fossil fuel special interests have been working in the states to undermine it. Even worse, the Trump administration has appointed allies of these industries to key positions in the Department of Energy and other federal agencies.

I urge you to speak out in opposition to policies that seek to lower credits for solar users, add special charges to rooftop solar owners, force customers into rate plans that are designed to reduce benefits that solar can provide on electric bills, or otherwise limit access to solar.

Instead, regulators and state officials should support policies that strengthen net metering and interconnection standards, encourage community solar, enact stronger renewable energy standards, increase access to solar, or otherwise promote increased solar development.

Sincerely,

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